

REMARKS

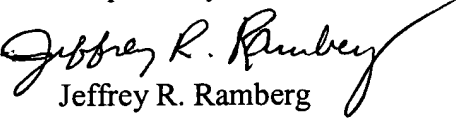
Claims 1, 6, and 8-37 are allowed, as indicated in the Notice of Allowance dated February 10, 2005. Further, Applicants have reviewed the Examiner's Amendment attached thereto, and find it to be in good order. However, Applicants' earlier amendment to claim 25 necessitates an additional change to this claim, specifically to correct an antecedent basis problem. This change was previously overlooked by both the attorney and the examiner. Applicants propose that this claim 25 be amended, and respectfully request that the proposed amendments be entered. The listing of claims recited above includes the changes made by way of the above-mentioned Examiner's Amendment, and considers such claims as having been "previously presented".

Applicants respectfully submit that this Amendment can be entered at this stage of prosecution. Specifically, the proposed amendment is simply of a formal nature, it is needed for the proper protection of the invention, and it requires no substantial additional work on the part of the Office.

In view of this proposed Amendment and the above remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that the present application is now in a better condition for issuance as a United States Patent. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that this Amendment be entered.

Should the Patent Office deem that any further action on the part of Applicants would be desirable, the Office is invited to telephone Applicants' undersigned representative.

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